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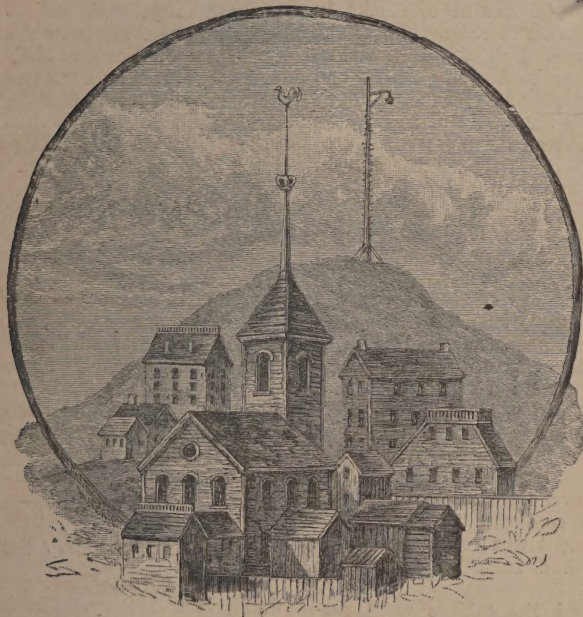
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Beacon Hill and the First King's Chapel.



The picture in this number of "Our Work" represents Beacon Hill as it appeared two hundred years ago, with King's Chapel in the foreground. It is taken from what is known as Price's View of Boston, issued about the year 1720.

Beacon Hill was originally known as Sentry Hill, or Tramount.

In Wood's "New England's Prospect," printed in 1635, in London, we read the following interesting description: "To the North-west is a high mountain with three little rising Hills on the top of it, wherefore it is called Tramount. From the top of this Mountaine a man may over-looke all the Ilands which lie before the Bay, and discry such ships as are upon the Sea-coast." In March, 1634, the General Court ordered that "there shall be forthwith a beacon set on Sentry Hill at Boston, to give notice to the country of any danger, and that there shall be a ward of one person kept there from the first of April to the last of

September; and that upon the discovery of any danger the beacon shall be fired.

The top of the hill was 135 feet above the sea-level, and the Beacon consisted of a tall mast from which, at a height of sixty-five feet, "projected a crane of iron from which a skeleton frame was suspended to receive a barrel of tar or other combustibles." The top of the Beacon therefore was nearly as high as the lantern of the present State House (220 feet), and when lighted could be seen from a great distance. So far as is known, however, it was never used. In 1768, in expectation of the arrival of the British fleet from Halifax, the Patriots made preparation to fire the beacon and so alarm the surrounding country. They placed a broken tar barrel in the skillet, but Governor Bernard sent Sheriff Greenleaf to remove it. In 1789 the beacon was blown down by a gale. The next year, upon the suggestion of Charles Bulfinch, the famous architect for whom Bulfinch Place was named, and with money raised by him for the purpose, a brick monument was erected, consisting of a Doric column, surmounted by an eagle, with tablets in commemoration of the events which led to the American Revolution. This stood upon the top of the hill in place of the old beacon. But the destruction of the hill had already begun. Private owners were already selling gravel and the new State House made further excavations necessary. In 1811 the town sold the top of the hill and the monument was taken down. By 1824 the hill had been levelled to its present height.

The eagle and the tablets were preserved, the former to be the model for that upon the monument recently erected and the latter to be reset in its pedestal.

The little wooden church in the picture is of special interest to us at Bulfinch Place as it represents the original King's Chapel, which in later years became the first Unitarian church in Boston and has always been one of our most loyal friends and supporters.

King's Chapel was the first Episcopal church in New England. It was founded in 1686, but the little wooden building was not erected until 1689, in which year the governor, Sir Edmund Andros, conveyed to the church a corner of the burying ground for that purpose. Upon the same spot, the present church, long known as the Stone Chapel, was built. It was finished in 1704. The pulpit of the old church was transferred to the

new, and is said to be the oldest in use in New England.

King's Chapel is the mother church from which sprang Christ Church (on Salem Street) about 1738 and Trinity Church in 1784.

The first organ in New England was built for King's Chapel in 1710 and was the gift of Thomas Brattle, Esq., of Boston. The present organ is said to have been played upon by Handel, the great composer. In this church the governors of Massachusetts worshipped, and also General Gage and Sir William Howe. Here was held the funeral of Dr. Warren, the hero of Bunker Hill, and General Washington, then President, was present at a sacred concert held in 1789.

The church became Unitarian by a vote of the congregation passed in 1785, when Rev. James Freeman was its minister.

Our church in Bulfinch Place owes much to King's Chapel. For many years a large number of the teachers in the Howard Sunday School were from its congregation and the Ministry-at-large has found many of its most generous supporters there. In the summer of 1904, when our alterations were in progress, we accepted the cordial invitation of their minister to hold our services there, nor do we forget our hospitable reception.

Home-coming Sunday.

This is "Home-Coming Sunday"—the first in our history. The intention is to have two in each year, the first Sunday in April and the first in October. The purpose is to invite to the church home all our members, not only those who can come regularly, but others who can only come now and then, but to whom this is still "home." We feel like saying "Once a friend, always a friend; once a member, always a member; once a worshipper here, always welcome to our love."

Help us to make the Home-Sundays a gracious influence.

Women's Alliance.

Since January 1, the Alliance has held six interesting meetings, three of them being Study Class meetings. At the first of these, the Life of James Martineau, D.D., was the subject; the second, Wm.

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Henry Furness, D.D.; and at the third, Miss Lillian Freeman Clarke gave a delightful talk about her father, James Freeman Clarke, D.D.

We have had three regular meetings. At the first, on January 24, Rev. J. H. Crooker, D.D., spoke on "Unitarian Shrines in England," which was much enjoyed by many of our own members and also by guests from thirteen neighboring Branch Alliances.

On February 28, Rev. C. R. Eliot addressed the Alliance on "The Sacredness of the Family." On March 28, Miss Jessie Beale spoke about the work of "The Consumers' League."

The Alliance has contributed for 1906 \$100.00 to the church treasury, and given \$10.00 to the American Unitarian Association to make Bulfinch Place Church a member of that organization. Meetings in April will be as follows:—

April 11.—Study' Class. Subject, "Women's Relation to the Church." April 25.—Evening meeting at 7.45. Rev. Charles W. Wendte will speak upon "Theodore Parker, and some of his Contemporaries and Friends." Gentlemen as well as ladies cordially invited to this meeting.

MARY MAY ELIOT,
Secretary.

\$10.00; contributions to Pueblo Church, \$3.00; Two months' publication of "Our Work," \$15.00.

It is gratifying to note an increased attendance at some of our meetings the past month. This gives all concerned hope that it may continue till the end of the year. Some of the meetings in the next two months, as may be seen by referring to the calendar, should be of particular interest.

The plan of combining our services at times with the later evening services, seems to work well, and this will be done again on May 6. On that occasion we shall have Rev. Peter Goldsmith of Salem with us and without doubt the meeting will be interesting, as Mr. Goldsmith is particularly interested in the Young People's meetings.

The Eliot Circle.

The Eliot Circle passed a most enjoyable afternoon at their regular meeting, Friday, March 2, with address by Mrs. Anna M. Peabody, and musical entertainment. They are to hold a reception and entertainment on April 20th, to which all their friends are cordially invited.

The Winkley Guild.

The following announcements are made for this month and include both our own and local meetings, and others of interest to all our members and friends.

April 1.—Speaker from the Y. P. R. U.

April 8.—Booker T. Washington and the Colored Schools of the South. Miss Emily I. Hargrave.

April 15.—In charge of the Red, White and Blue Club.

April 22.—Lend-a-Hand Clubs.

April 29.—Annual meeting of the Boston Federation at Church of the Disciples.

The other affair of especial interest this month is the Federation Vaudeville at Potter Hall, Huntington Avenue, on April 5th. Tickets at fifty cents each may be obtained from Miss Theresa Frolich.

On March 11th your directors held a meeting and made the following appropriations: Annual Dues to Y. P. R. U.,

Comfort Carriers's Club.

At the annual meeting of the Club, held last Tuesday evening, the officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Miss Martha D. Mann; Vice-president, Miss Edith L. Jones; secretary, Miss Isabel Cummins; treasurer, Miss Alice Cummins, and corresponding secretary, Miss Edna Young.

At this meeting, the general plan of work for the year was discussed.

Lend-a-Hand Clubs.

The annual business meeting of the Lend a Hand Clubs will be held Friday, April 27, at 7.30 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of the members. Reports of the year's work will be called for.

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The Annual May Festival of the clubs will be held Wednesday, May 2, at 7.30 o'clock. The clubs will please be making plans for the part they will take in the festival.

Items and Announcements.

EVENING SERVICES.—The Evening Services will be continued during April as follows: April 1, Rev. Edward D. Towle. April 8, Rev. H. H. Saunderson of Cambridge. April 15, to be announced. April 22, Rev. T. J. Horner of Melrose. April 29, Rev. Chas. Billings of Lowell. Services begin at 7.45.

CONCERT.—A concert will be given in the church on Thursday, April 26, at 8 o'clock. Among those to take part are Mrs. Anna C. Breed (director); Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woods, the Weber Quartette, Mr. J. Rayner Edmands, Mr. George M. Taylor (organist). A full programme will be announced later. Tickets will be sold at 25 cents.

THE WEST END.—A series of articles of local interest (illustrated) will appear in "Our Work," beginning with this issue. These will give an account of certain localities and characteristic features of the West End. The second article will be upon "Bulfinch Place." Others to follow will be upon "Old Bowdoin Square," "Notable Residents of Pinckney Street," "Louisburg Square," and similar topics. For the picture of Beacon Hill in the present issue we are indebted to Rev. Howard N. Brown of King's Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL JOLLY.—It was well named a "jolly," for there was music and fun for all. The games, under the direction of a committee of the Teachers and Scholars, went merrily, and the singing of popular songs, led by Mr. William Howell Reed, Jr., and the Glee Club singers, was a particularly pleasant feature of the evening. Thanks, heartily, to all.

EASTER SUNDAY.—Looking forward to a bright and perhaps spring-like Easter, we hope for a specially large attendance, both at Sunday School and Church. Special music will be furnished. Gifts of flowers will be welcome. Plants will be given to the children.

HIGHER LIFE MEETINGS.—These meetings, on Thursday evenings, have been very successful. The attendance has been unusually good and many interesting, not to say puzzling, questions have been asked. They will continue until Easter.

SOCIALS.—Do not forget the Elic Circle Reception on April 20, the Concert on April 24, the Alliance Evening on April 25, at which Rev. Mr. Wend is to speak, and the May Lend a Hand Festival on May 2.

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Louisburg Square and Neighborhood.

Louisburg Square, lying between Mt. Vernon and Pinckney streets, upon the western slope of Beacon Hill, is one of the most interesting spots in Boston. It is private property, having been laid out in 1834, and, as our picture shows, it contains a central grass-plot, surrounded by a high iron fence, with beautiful elms and two diminutive statues of Aristides the Just, and Christopher Columbus. These were the gift of a Boston merchant, Joseph Isagi, and were imported from Italy in the year 1849. The picture is taken from Mt. Vernon street, and the white door on the right marks the residence of Rev. Samuel H. Winkley, who has been minister of our church for nearly sixty years and has lived at No. 11 for over thirty years. This fact alone makes Louisburg Square a most interesting and indeed a sacred spot for us all.

But Louisburg Square is of great interest historically, for it occupies a por-

tion of what was once the orchard, or garden, of William Blaxton, who was the first settler of Boston; and the famous Blaxton Spring was probably near the centre of this Square.

It will be remembered that this William Blaxton, or Blackstone, was an Episcopal clergyman, who came to New England about the year 1623, probably with the colony established at Weymouth (Merry Mount) by Robert Gorges. He was a graduate of Emanuel College, Cambridge, but although he took orders, it is not known that he was ever settled over any church. He was of an independent mind and would not submit to the arrogant and intolerant domination of the bishops, with Archbishop Laud at their head. By nature gentle, tolerant, peace-loving, he came to the new world, to make for himself a home in its solitudes and to pursue his studies free from interference or persecution. Not finding the riotous settlement at Merry Mount

to his liking, he removed about 1625 to the peninsula called by the Indians Shawmut ("living fountains") and selected for his farm and cottage the land which we now know as the "Common" and the western slope of Beacon Hill.

There he lived for nine or ten years, and there Winthrop and his colonists found him when they came and settled at Charlestown in 1630. His cabin stood somewhat nearer the "Common" than the present site of Louisburg Square. In the Square was a splendid spring, one of many for which the peninsula was famous, and here was the garden where the "Solitary of Shawmut" cultivated his roses and his apple trees. He had brought with him a library of about 200 volumes. He continued to wear his "canonicall coate," thus showing his attachment to the church. He considered himself the owner of the whole peninsula and used to ride about his domain upon a mouse-colored steer. He lived at peace with all his neighbors, spent his time in study and contemplation or working in his garden. His chief characteristics were a spirit of perfect tolerance and a benevolent heart.

Soon after the arrival of Winthrop's colony at Charlestown, sickness broke out because of the scarcity of pure water. Hearing of this Blaxton invited them to come and settle at Shawmut, and this was the beginning of Boston. An organization was formed and he was the first to take the "freeman's oath." In 1633, fifty acres, near his home, between the Hill and the Charles River (then quite up to Charles street) was set apart for his own. In 1634, he sold all but six acres to the colony for £30. The portion sold was set apart as a "trayning field and for feeding of cattell" (Boston Common). The six acres retained would be bounded today by Walnut, Pinckney, Charles and Beacon streets.

But with all his gentleness and benevolence, Blaxton was beginning to be restless and unhappy, because of the intolerance of the Puritans. Soon after he had taken the freeman's oath (Oct. 19, 1630) a vote was passed that no one should be a freeman who had not joined their church. This, and the attitude of mind such a vote revealed, was too much for his bold, independent and progressive spirit. He is quoted by Mather, in his *Magnalia*, as follows: "I came from England because I did not like the lord-bishops, but I can't join with you because I would be under the lord-brethren."

And so, in 1635, he quietly departed, with his library and his cattle, to go into the "far west." He became the first settler in Rhode Island, preceding Roger Williams by about a year. His new home was called "Study Hill" and was in the present village of Lonsdale, overlooking a river, named later the Backstone. Here again he raised apples, the first in that State, as those at Shawmut were the first in Massachusetts, and he was accustomed to carry them to Providence when he went to preach, to give to his younger friends.

He died on May 26, 1675, after a life of fifty years in New England. In his spirit of toleration he was far in advance of his age. "He appears," writes De Costa, "in every way superior to his times and stands like a tall rock in the sea whose summit is bathed in untroubled light, while tumultuous waves beat below." Motley, in "Merry Mount," describes him as "that gentle exile in his sylvan solitude," and adds the following: "His spirit was a prophetic spirit, and his virtues belonged not to his times. In an age which regarded toleration as a crime, he had the courage to cultivate it as a virtue. In an age when liberty of conscience was considered fearful licentiousness, he left his fatherland to obtain it, and was as ready to rebuke the intolerant tyranny of the nonconformist of the wilderness, as he had been to resist the bigotry and persecution of the prelacy at home. In short, the soul of the gentle hermit flew upon white wings before its age, but it flew, like the dove, to the wilderness. Wanting both power and inclination to act upon others, he became, not a reformer, but a recluse."

After passing through several hands, the Blaxton acres, with certain adjoining properties, were purchased in 1769 by John Singleton Copley, the most distinguished portrait painter of America and were held by him until 1795. Being a tory, Copley went to England upon the outbreak of the revolution. While there his agent sold his land (20 acres) to Jonathan Mason and Harrison G. Otis for \$18,450. It included all the property "between low water mark on the west and the Common south, Walnut Street east and Mt. Vernon street north," also Louisburg Square, etc.

Our interest in Louisburg Square is much increased by the number of literary celebrities who have lived there, or in its immediate neighborhood. In the Square itself lived William Dean How-

ells (at No. 4), John G. Palfrey at No. 5), Louisa May Alcott (at No. 10), and there her father, A. Bronson Alcott, died in 1888. At No. 20 Jenny Lind was married in 1852. Around the corner at 84 Pinckney street, lived Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and there was written the "Story of a Bad Boy." It was in this house that Longfellow was inspired to write "The Hanging of the Crane." Celia Thaxter lived for a short time at No. 98. With West Cedar street, we may associate the names of John S. Dwight, the musical critic, Percival Lowell, astronomer, Edwin M. Bacon, editor of Bacon's Dictionary to Boston, and Abbie Farwell Brown, writer of children's books. In Mt. Vernon street lived William Ellery Channing (at No. 83), Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney (at No. 88), Anne Whitney, the sculptor (at No. 92), John Codman Ropes, military historian (at No. 99), Margaret W. Deland (at No. 76 and 112). The lower part of Chestnut street is made famous as having been the residence, for thirty years, of Francis Parkman (No. 50); and of Edwin Booth (No. 29); while at the upper end lived George P. Lathrop (No. 8), John Lothrop Motley (No. 11), Mrs. John T. Sargent and Mrs. Julia Ward Howe (No. 13), Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol (No. 17).

The list might be continued to a much greater length were we to include other streets or localities not far from the "Square." The old Blaxton farm (or what were later known as the "Copley Acres") has had a wonderful history. Certainly there is no locality in Boston more interesting historically or so full of literary associations. We close this sketch with the following lines by Thomas C. Amory, referring to "Boston's First Inhabitant" and his love of liberty.

"High on an eminence he stood,
His thoughts beyond the sea,
For he had left his native land
That he might here be free,—
Free from the thrall of unjust laws,
Far from a despot king,
Prelates whose haughty will would all
To like subjection bring.
Too true and honest to accept
What conscience disapproved,
Its dictates he obeyed, and left
All that at home he loved.
If his from all the world to choose
Truly no lovelier spot
Than where our three-hilled city stands
To dwell, all else forgot.
The sylvan scene around, beneath,

He claimed it as his own,
Nor cared, while Providence protects,
That he was there alone."

Flower Sunday.

Flower Sunday or Children's Sunday was celebrated on June 10 by a special service for Sunday School and Congregation at 3.15 P. M. The flowers and the children were the chief attractions. An address was given by Rev. John M. Wilson, of Lexington. The children's programme included the following recitations:

"About Unkind Things," by Jennie Crawford. "Betty's Visitor," by Emma Lang. "Fireflies," by Carl Rogers. "The Message of the Flowers," by Mildred Randall. "Violets," by Abigail A. Eliot. "The Bees' Wisdom," by Margaret Pflieger. "The Land of Pretty Soon," by Lillian Jackson. "Waiting to Grow," by Adeline Pflieger. "There's Always a Song Somewhere," by Alfred Dahlstrom. "Somebody," by Lillian Grant, Frank Grant, Adeline Pflieger, Margaret Pflieger, Ruth Brown, Mildred Randall, and Leona Whiting. "The Child's World," by Emma Fritz. "Song," by the Infant Class. "His Service," by Alice Lyons. "Open the Door of our Heart," by Earl Shackford, John Nickerson, and Herbert Payeur; "A 'Minder,'" by Miss Hargrave, Ruth Brown, and Alfred Dahlstrom. Packages of nasturtium seeds were distributed and it was suggested that we have a Nasturtium Sunday in the fall. Two canary birds added their songs to those of the children.

Women's Alliance.

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Alliance was held on May 31st. Annual Reports of the various committees were read and officers elected for the coming year. The list of officers chosen is as follows: President, Mrs. C. R. Eliot; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Dillaway; Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence; Treasurer, Miss Martha A. Orcutt. It was voted to hold a "Home-made" Preserves, Pickle and Jelly Sale late in the fall.

Winkley Guild.

The regular meetings of the Guild for the season of 1905-6 closed on May 20th with a paper by Mr. Chas. H. Sampson on "Unitarianism in Boston," which was fully up to the standard of all the interesting words we have had given to us this season.

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On Sunday, May 27th, was held the annual business meeting of the Guild at which the following officers and directors for the season of 1906 were elected:

President, Mr. O. A. McMurdie; Vice-President, Mr. O. A. Soulis; Secretary, Mr. F. M. Eliot; Treasurer, Miss Edna C. Young; Correspondent, Miss Isabel Cummins; Counselor, Rev. C. R. Eliot; Directors, Miss E. L. Jones, Miss E. I. Hargrave, Miss Hulda Lasselle, Mr. P. C. McMurdie, Mr. E. D. S. Jackson.

The familiar name of Mr. Sampson will be missed next year from the board, and we regret this, but we know that his interest in the Guild will be in no wise diminished.

Several matters of importance were decided. It was voted to continue holding our meetings in the Guild room upstairs. The meetings will be held every other Sunday at 7.30 instead of weekly at 7.00.

It was voted that a social committee of five be appointed to take charge of the social side of the Guild work. Miss Frolich is the chairman.

The meeting voted to contribute \$10.00 as their annual fee to the National Y. P. R. U.

After voting to have the secretary send a message of love and good wishes to Rev. S. H. Winkley, the meeting adjourned.

Eliot Circle.

The Eliot Circle has just completed another good year's work. The meetings have all been prosperous and enjoyable, because of the large attendance, the good work, and the splendid social times we have all had. Through the judicious guidance of our President, Miss Stokes, the Eliot Circle has made many hearts happier and lighter. At every meeting the "mite box" collections have been sent to some needy person.

At the last meeting of the year, June 2, plans for the fair in November were eagerly discussed. Many of the ladies have been working up their own schemes for some time past. However, every member of enthusiastic, and it is to be

hoped that the fair will be as great a success as the rest of our endeavors.

OLD LADIES' PARTY.—This annual event, one of the most delightful of the year, took place on Wednesday, June 13, at 3.30 P. M. The entertainment, under the direction of Miss Leon, was given by the "Little People's Club" and the "Sunshine Club," and other friends. The party was in charge of Miss M. A. Orcutt.

THE FLOWER MISSION.—Do not forget the Flower Mission. All summer long its work will continue, under the auspices of the Mutual Helpers, directed by Miss Stokes and Miss Jones. Send flowers, carefully picked and packed, any morning, to the church.

SUMMER PLAY-SCHOOL.—What used to be our Summer Playroom is now called a Play-School. The change of name was made last year when we introduced more systematic instruction. Play was not wholly given up, but a certain amount of class work or occupation was expected. The same plan will be followed this year. After the opening half-hour of singing and play, the older children will go into the smaller rooms for special instruction, while the younger ones will remain for the kindergarten occupations and games. For the older ones we hope to have classes in Basketry, Housekeeping and Sewing, and from time to time groups of the children will be taken into the country.

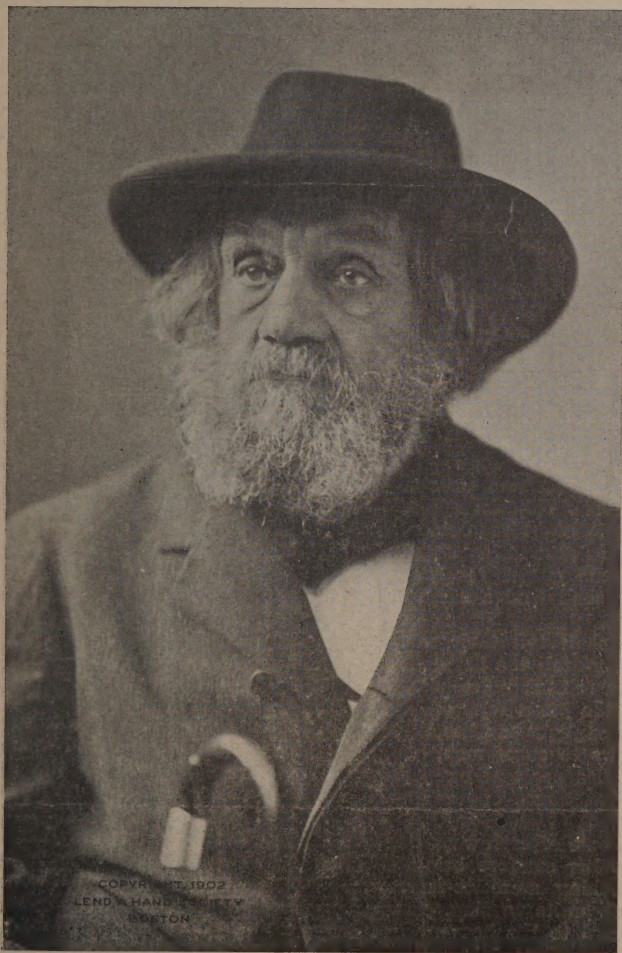
SUMMER SERVICES.—The Sunday School will close on June 24, to open again on Sept. 16. The church will be open every week-day during the summer, from 9 to 12, but Sunday services will be discontinued from July 22 to August 26, inclusive. The congregation is cordially invited to attend the services at King's Chapel during the interval. It is hoped that many of our friends will call at our church during the summer, to see the summer work and to meet the workers. Mr. Eliot will be in town until July 17. Miss Stokes will be absent during July and Miss Jones during August, but one or the other (or Mr. Eliot) will be found at the church every day. It is particularly requested that in cases of sickness, or when ministerial services are desired, word be sent promptly to the church.

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Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D.

Of all our Unitarian ministers no one is so widely known and generally honored as Dr. Hale whose picture we give to our readers this month.

Next to Mr. Winkley, our pastor emeritus, no one holds a higher place in the esteem and love of our own church. The Eliot Circle celebrates his birthday every year. The other Lend-a-Hand Clubs never forget their "chief," and his portrait has an honored place

in our Sunday School room. His mottoes,

Look up and not down,
Look forward and not back,
Look out and not in,
Lend a hand,

are constantly upon our lips and we rejoice to associate his name with that spirit which draws men together in a closer fellowship with one another and communion with God.

Dr. Hale has been minister of the South Congregational Church in Boston for fifty years. He is now chaplain of the United States Senate. He is the founder and president of the Lend-a-Hand Society. He is the author of many books, the best known being "The Man without a Country" and "In His Name." No good cause has been without his support, especially those of individual liberty, social regeneration, and the peace of the world.

On April 3, Dr. Hale will reach his 85th birthday. An effort is being made to raise a fund of fifty thousand dollars by that date to endow the Lend-a-Hand Society. This is something which Dr. Hale earnestly desires and it would make permanent a work which he greatly loves. Every contribution, even the smallest, will be welcomed at the central office, 1 Beacon St., Boston.

Lend-a-Hand Song.

From city and from prairie,
From every happy home,
To help the faint and weary,
Our Father's children come.
As far as sunlight reaches,
As high as mountains stand,
Our gladsome gospel teaches
How all shall lend a hand.

The boys shall tell their mothers,
The fathers tell the boys,
The sisters tell their brothers,
Till all the lands rejoice.
As far as sunlight reaches,
Glad news to eager men,
And every learner teaches
That "Ten times one is ten."

In every home of sorrow
Some loving comfort bring,
And something more to-morrow,
While all unite to sing,
Look upward to His heaven,
Look forward at His call,
And use the strength He's given
To lend a hand to all.

—Edward E. Hale.

Howard Sunday School.

The Annual Meeting of the Sunday School teachers was held on Jan. 11, at the residence of Miss Fannie M. Faulkner. All the officers and teachers were present, with two exceptions, and were most hospitably welcomed and entertained. It was a very delightful evening.

The usual business was transacted, as follows: Reports of the Superintendent, the Secretary, the Christmas Tree Committee, the Musical Director, the Children's Mission, the Historian, the Library, the Recording Secretary, Lend-a-Hand Clubs and other committees, and finally the election of officers.

The Recording Secretary reported a present membership of 195, being 23 more than last year. The average attendance has been 127. Mr. Eliot referred with satisfaction to the growth of the school, the regularity and faithfulness of the teachers, the interest taken in the Floral and Christmas services, the reception given to Miss Emmons, and other important events of the year. Many points were discussed in a lively and interesting way.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Hobart W. Winkley; Secretary, Miss Rosalie F. Leon; Recording Secretary, Mr. O. A. McMurdie; Musical Director, Mr. J. Rayner Edmands; Historian, Miss Mabel F. Foster; Librarian, Mr. Alpheus Bell. Miss E. L. Jones was made chairman of the Christmas Tree Committee, Miss Leon of Entertainments, Mr. Edmands of Class Books, Miss Crocker of Children's Mission and Lend-a-Hand Clubs, Mrs. Eliot of the Teachers' Union.

A Great Success.

To have filled the church to overflowing on a cold and stormy day was certainly a credit to the New England Associate Alliance, and that is what was done here on Jan. 17. It proved the attractiveness of the subject advertised, the Ministry-at-large, and the interest our Unitarian women are taking in a practical religion. The programme was carried through without a break except that caused by the absence of Mrs. Eliot, on account of illness, and many were the compliments given to our own Alliance for the successful arrangements and hospitality.

Seventy-five branch Alliances were represented, by 278 delegates. Thirty members of our own branch were present. About 200 sat down at the tables spread in the Sunday School room for the box luncheon, and every one seemed to feel at home. The closing address of the afternoon, by Rev. Adelbert Hudson of Newton, emphasized the truth that in order to continue strong and effective in its work the church must

not forget, nay, must receive into its deeper consciousness, the Infinite Source of its inspiration.

The Winkley Guild.

The only regular meeting this month will be held on Feb. 10th, when we shall have the pleasure of having a speaker from the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist denomination. Rev. George A. Gay, a young man who is pastor at the Ashmont Church, will speak for us on that date.

On Feb. 24th occurs the mid-year meeting of the Boston Federation at Quincy. All members and friends are urged to take an active interest in this meeting as the Federation needs our support.

Don't forget the Guild Entertainment on Feb. 7th, namely, "The Darktown Jubilee." Give it your hearty support, as the object is two-fold, namely, to help the Guild socially and to raise funds for the various demands on its treasury. Tickets may be procured of the members or at the door for twenty-five (25) cents. All come and have a good time.

The Children's Mission.

No church or Sunday School in the city takes a greater interest in the work of the Children's Mission than ours. We are glad to report that the penny collections in the Sunday School, for this object, during the past year, amounted to \$54, the largest contribution for many years. We always remember that our Miss Merrill was the originator of the idea upon which this Mission is founded, namely, a work for children supported by children.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, at 7.30, Mr. Parker B. Field, the Superintendent of the Mission, will give us a Stereopticon Talk about its methods and beautiful results. It will interest young and old. We ought to give him a splendid reception. He comes, at the invitation of the Winkley Guild, to interest us all more deeply in this good work.

Red, White and Blue Club.

The Red, White and Blue Club gave its eleventh annual supper on Jan. 28. About seventy-five of the boys and their friends were gathered around the

tables, which were decorated with flags and flowers, the latter sent by the Girls' Club, many of whom were present.

A half hour of sociability had preceded the supper and afterwards there were speeches. Miss Jones, president of the Club, gave the welcome, referring to the progress made during the eleven years.

There followed brief addresses from Mr. William Fritz, Mr. Charles McConnell, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, Mr. Chas. H. Sampson, Mr. Hobart W. Winkley, Miss Stokes, Mr. Eliot, and the guest of honor, Mr. Robert P. Speare, Educational director of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Speare made one of the most practical and helpful addresses ever given to the Club. His subject was "The Use of Leisure Hours." "Tell me," he said, "what you do with your leisure hours and I will tell you what you will be. The success or failure of your life will depend upon what you do between stopping work at half past five and going to bed. Do not gorge yourselves with yellow journalism. Read good books. Cultivate people who know more than you do. Be good for something more to-morrow than you are today. Cultivate good manners. You need not be a millionaire to be a gentleman. Fit yourself for better work and the work you can do best."

The meeting closed as usual with "America" and the silent salute to the flag.

A Darktown Jubilee.

The Winkley Guild will give on Thursday evening, Feb. 7, an entertainment called "A Darktown Jubilee" consisting of songs, sketches and pictures, some amusing and a few pathetic. There will be a couple of real "befo' de war" mammies, a plantation chorus, a strange and marvelous orchestra and many other sights, interesting and funny. If you want to laugh and carry home an abundance of cheer to those who could not come, try not to miss the Darktown Jubilee. The admission is 25 cents.

The Guild is depending largely on the financial success of this entertainment to carry out the several plans which its committees have in view. Most important among them, perhaps, is the getting of funds to pay the Guild's share in the expense of publishing "Our Work."

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Sunday Services.

1.45 P. M. Howard Sunday School.

3.15 P. M. Public Worship.

Communion first Sunday in the month.

7.30 P. M. The Winkley Guild every other Sunday.

The Church will be open every day from 10 until 1 o'clock. Mr. Eliot will be at the church on Wednesdays, and on other days by appointment; Miss Jones on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and Miss Stokes on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Women's Alliance.

On Jan. 23 the Alliance enjoyed a most interesting paper upon "Liberal Religion in France" by Mrs. Eleanor B. Tappan. The next two meetings will be upon "Hungary." On Feb. 13 the Study Class will be held and on Feb. 27 the regular meeting, when a paper upon "Liberal Religion in Hungary" will be given by Mrs. Martha E. St. John.

The Alliance has doubled its contribution this year to the American Unitarian Association.

St. Valentine Party.

A Valentine Sociable will be given by the Eliot Circle on Feb. 14, at 7.30 P. M. Every one will remember the "Reception" of last year, and previous Valentine parties given by the Loyal Helpers' Lend-a-Hand Club. The Sociable on Feb. 14, falling on St. Valentine's Day, will be in line with those happy occasions. Whether the "saint" will appear in person we do not know, but we know that his spirit will be present. Hearts will be trumps and take every trick. The game will be not "who shall win?" but "who shall serve and please?" Let everybody come and play.

Items of Interest.

A play entitled "Dick" was given on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, in Potter Hall, Boston, by members and friends of the Sphinx Club, for the benefit of the Saturday classes.

On Friday, Feb. 1, the Eliot Circle held its regular meeting—its Valentine meeting. Preparations were made for the Social to be held on Valentine's Day and for sending out a large number of valentines to distant members and shut-ins. A hearty welcome was given to the speaker of the afternoon, to whom the Circle owes so much, Rev. Alfred D. K. Shurtleff. Refreshments and a social half-hour followed.

Senorita Huidobro was unable to give her lecture upon Argentina, on account of a sudden and severe cold, but sent her stereopticon pictures. This gave Mr. Eliot an opportunity of proving how impossible it is for him at least to give an impromptu talk upon a subject he knew nothing about and with pictures he had never seen. The audience, however, seemed to enjoy the joke.

At the last Sunday School Teachers' Union, held at Dr. Hale's church on Jan. 21, the subject for discussion was "The Value of Clubs in the Sunday School." Our work along this line was represented by Miss Jones, who told how the Lend-a-Hand clubs, and others, draw the children and young people together and cultivate the spirit of service. Six of our teachers were present.

The lectures for February will be as follows: Feb. 6, Tales of Boston Harbor, by Mr. Francis Haseltine. Feb. 13, An Evening with Burns, Barrie and Bell, by Mr. John Anderson. Feb. 20, Alaska, its History, Resources and Present Condition, by Ex-Gov. John G. Brady. Feb. 27, The San Francisco Disaster, by Mr. Ernest Alonzo Thomas.

The gymnasium class for little girls meets on Saturdays at 1 o'clock. There are now sixteen members. The Monday and Saturday evening class for the young men of the West End House continues to grow under the admirable leadership of Mr. Oscar Martin.

The Shakespeare Reading Class is to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 o'clock. They will read "King Lear," and one of the comedies, to be selected later. The first regular meeting will be on Feb. 12.

